



Arnprior and District Quilters' Guild

NEWSLETTER

March 2018



Enjoying our Learning activity evening!

Program Notes

March 28 Meeting



We're looking forward to the Trunk Show with Valerie Miller as our guest speaker!
Valerie creates graphic quilts employing traditional techniques and modern style!
Her patterns, kits and low loft batting will be available for purchase.

Please Bring



Your show-and-tell articles; block-of-the-month; decorative stitch exchange; any library books for returning; and your coffee mug. Try your luck with the 50-50 draw and the raffle basket!

Also, bring all your finished preemies, wheelchair lap quilts and charity quilts.

Looking Ahead

April 25, 2018	Jan Kittle - Using rulers when quilting
May 23, 2018	Activity Night Part 2; and Elections Bring completed mystery quilt tops (only the quilt top)
June 20, 2018	End-of-year Potluck: (M-Z bring food) Challenges are due.

2019 Quilt Show Raffle Quilt



We would like to extend a thank you to ALL who helped get the raffle quilt top completed. Many members donated fat quarters and numerous came to sew days to paper piece wedges for the communities. Now we have many experts that can paper piece. Rennie claims that she can do it in her sleep. It was very rewarding to have so many different women participating in this endeavour.

Thanks so much,
Mary and Rennie



We're all part of a great quilting community!
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Workshops

Big Bag Workshop



On Tuesday March 6th, 10 eager quilters arrived at Glad Tidings Pentecostal Church, where Johanne Vajda instructed us on how to construct a "Big Bag". This bag will be excellent to convey large quilts to "Show and Tell", or a large amount of stuff to a workshop or Retreat. Pockets for either side of the bag were constructed prior to Tuesday. By the time most of us left our bags were virtually complete. That is MY kind of workshop. Johanne provided handles and bottoms for those of us that required them.

The variety of fabrics, colours and textures was very wide. Hopefully members will be able to inspect them at our next Show and Tell.

Johanne has offered to teach an additional weekend class if there is sufficient interest. Please let Chris Gordon know if you are interested in a Saturday repeat of this workshop.

See the [web site](#) for more photos.

Chris

Mystery Quilt

Stay tuned for the next set of instructions for the Mystery Quilt!



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Notes on our Charities

I will be back for the March meeting and looking forward to seeing all the finished projects - preemies, wheelchair lap quilts and charity quilts that have been done in the last 2 months. Please bring them all in to the March meeting.

Hopefully, you enjoyed working with the kits we cut at charity night. Come see what is left to work on at the charity table.

I have one charity quilt 48 x 72 to be quilted and then we have finished all the blocks/quilts provided by Lesley Whitby from the slab blocks. If you would be willing to quilt it, it would be appreciated.

I have been doing some reading of my quilt books. Here is something that I found enlightening from Angela Walters

"First, what does "becoming a better quilter" mean? To begin, it doesn't mean becoming a perfect quilter. Don't confuse mastering a skill with perfecting it. There is no such thing as perfection in free-motion quilting, so don't beat yourself up trying to be perfect. To me, becoming a better quilter simply means getting to a place where you are comfortable with the process while trying to learn new quilting designs. If you remember one thing, remember this: You're doing your best best quilting right now. Be proud of that!"
The Ultimate Guide to Machine Quilting, Angela Walters and Christa Watson

Gwen Pennings, Vice-President

Quilt Deliveries Made

Penny Carruthers forwarded 9 more preemie quilts to Jan Smith to give to the Ottawa hospital!



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Congratulations, February Winners!

Block of the Month: Barb Devries
50/50 Draw: Ann Sybiraj
Gift Basket: Brenda McLeod
Guess the Number of Pages: Cathy Rodger
Door Prizes: Lucy Voss, Brenda McLeod, Penny Carruthers, Ann Sybiraj, Joanne Delmer, Dawn Madsen, Cathy Russell

Membership

We had 45 members and 2 guests for our great teaching month!

Penny Carruthers, Membership



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Paper-pieced blocks

Spring cleaning

If you are like me, your cutting board does not get soaked and brushed clean often enough. So..... let's all do it this month because our boards will last longer as well as our blades. Cutting boards need to be moisturized. Add 1/4 cup of vinegar to every 1 quart. of cool water in the bathtub. Soak the cutting board for 20 minutes. Using a soft mushroom brush to scrub plus a splash of gentle liquid soap., gently clean away any dirt. Rinse and towel dry. (If your cutting board is too large to fit in the bathtub, do half at a time.) No direct sunlight or heat on your board.

submitted by Gwen Pennings



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Library News



Spring has arrived: goodbye snow! Time to dream of flowers and butterflies! The Book of the Month is "Garden Fresh Quilts" - seven patterns and even a few recipes! The author is Jason Yenter who "combines modern with pretty". Please drop by the Library and borrow it.

While at the Library please guess the pages to win Stars by Magic by Nancy Johnson - Steveo.

A few more books were borrowed last month than in January which is great.

There will be a few books and magazines for sale \$1.00 for a book 25 cents for a magazine!

In May there will be a bigger sale if you have any books or magazines that you wish to donate they will be added to the sale.

"A fat quarter has fewer calories than a hot fudge sundae". That's probably cheaper now that the price of vanilla has gone sky high!

See you at the Library

Lucy

I believe many of you are missing out on one of the best features of our guild. I encourage you all to take advantage of our amazing **library!** I have returned to my habit of signing out books each month. You get to keep them for the month. I look at them before going to sleep. It can be very inspiring.

I recently borrowed a book entitled **Singular Sensations**. I was so impressed I had to share it with friends. It was after some study that I realized I was seeing several different quilts all made from the very same block. Many of you would have gotten that long before me. Anyway, please enjoy.

Joyce M

*** See the [web site blog](#) for photos from workshops, guild meetings and more! ***

My Mystery Quilt Journey

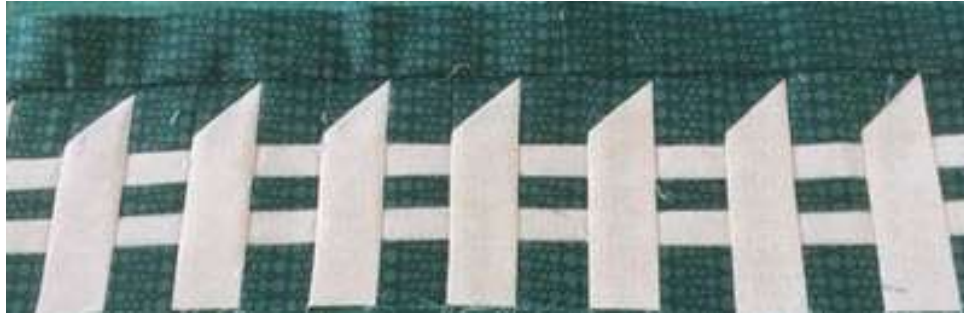
"A mystery quilt is stepping out into the unknown!"

March 2018, by Janet Brownlee

I completed my February update highly confident that my fence would be quickly completed. That was not quite to be. I didn't pay close enough attention and I stitched all of the fence and post pairs upside down! So I ripped them all apart and redid them the right way up. It actually didn't take that long for the redo. Then I did quickly finish the fence and I'm very pleased with it.

I wasn't sure if I'd admit to this but I decided to in case my experience could prevent others from doing the same thing.

The fence instructions were very well written and the illustration was perfect.



Janet's Mystery quilt under construction!



Laying out blocks for the hospital auction quilt!



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Spring Means Quilt Shows!

Are you feeling cooped up after a winter of cold and ice and unfavourable travel conditions? Spring out of the rut, and think about a jaunt to a Quilt Show! This is a great excuse to travel, and is always inspiring.

We've been notified of several upcoming quilt shows in eastern Ontario and beyond.

Location	Dates	Guild
Ottawa ON	April 6-7	Out of the Box fibre artists
Hudson QC	May 5-6	Hudson Village Quilters
Ottawa ON	May 11-13	Common Thread Quilt Guild
Malone NY	May 18-19	Adirondack Quilters Guild
Pembroke ON	May 26-27	Pembroke Log Cabin Quilter's Guild
Vancouver BC	May 31- June 1	Quilt Canada
Renfrew ON	June 2-3	Quilters Guild of Renfrew & Area
Kingston ON	June 8-10	Limestone Quilters' Guild & the Kingston Heirloom Quilters
Smiths Falls ON	July 13-15	Lanark County Quilters Guild

A quilt appraiser will be at the show in Kingston.

Refer to the [Upcoming Quilt Shows & Events page](#) for more information.

Meeting Notes

Where? Our guild meetings are held at the Christian Education Centre at 257 John Street in Arnprior.

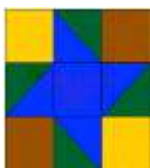
When? Meetings start at 7 PM and our doors open at 6:30. Meetings are generally on the 4th Wednesday of each month (with some exceptions.)

Parking - Please DO NOT park in the church parking lot that is adjacent to the hall. Our lease does not include the parking lot - it must be available for church-related activities. There is plenty of on street parking nearby.

Refreshments – Coffee and tea is prepared by our refreshment committee, who also coordinate the snack roster. Do **“lug a mug”** - bring your own mug to minimize our environmental footprint. And PLEASE keep your refreshments away from the show and tell display table.

Visitors are welcome at our guild meetings. Fee is \$5 for all visitors and guests.

Allergy Alert! Please note that our meetings are allergy free. Please no perfume or perfume products! Thank you.



Our guild logo is the Friendship Star block, symbolizing the spirit of friendship that is always present at the Guild. Blue represents the Madawaska and Ottawa rivers in Arnprior; gold, the sunshine and fields of corn around Arnprior; brown, the acres of farmland in the area; and green, Gillies Grove and surrounding forests and tree